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REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 10, 15, 27, 35, and 41 are independent claims.

Claims 1-6 and 9-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0152392 ("Hardy") in view of by U.S. Patent No. 4,799,258 ("Davies"). No basis for rejection of the remaining claims is stated in the office action.

In response, it is argued that independent claims 1 and 10 include at least one limitation not disclosed by Hardy or Davies. Specifically, claim 1 requires requesting a first token and requesting a second token, and claim 10 requires requesting a plurality of tokens. Neither Hardy nor Davies refers to more than one token.

The examiner appears to argue that token storage medium 16 of Hardy corresponds to a first token, and internal non-volatile memory 12 of Hardy corresponds to a second token. However, the argument is unclear because the citation to Hardy is made to a column rather than a paragraph, as if Hardy was an issued patent rather than a published patent application, and the cited portion does not seem to be relevant to the examiner's argument. It is also not clear what elements of Hardy the examiner attempts to equate to the multi-token sealed object of claim 1, the first portion of the multi-token sealed object of claim 1, the second portion of the multi-token sealed object of claim 1, the sealed first portion of the multi-token sealed object of claim 1, the sealed second portion of the multi-token sealed object of claim 1, or the object obtained by the method of claim 1. Regardless, non-volatile memory 12 of Hardy is not a token.

Therefore, the combination of Hardy and Davies does not render unpatentable independent claims 1 or 10, or any of their dependent claims, and the withdrawal of the rejections of these claims is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of claims 1-44 have been overcome, and that claims 1-44 are in condition for allowance. The applicant therefore respectfully requests the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Please charge any necessary fees, including extension fees, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

Respectfully submitted,

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